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## THE KOWTAN MASSACRE

SEIYUKAI INVESTIGATORS PREFER TO KEEP QUIET  
UNDISCLOSED DISCOVERIES

Three Seiyukai members of the Diet, Messrs. Mori, Yamazaki and TOJO, who have been in Korea and Manchuria on the mission of investigating the Korean and the Wan-pao-shan affairs on the spot, returned to Shimonoseki yesterday morning (12th instant) and entrained for Tokyo soon afterwards.

Interviewed by the Ishii, they said that the object of their inquiries was not, as the public seems to suppose, to collect material for attacks on the Government. It was for the purpose of obtaining data for determining the Manchurian and Mongolian policy of their party. Their personal inspection showed them that the official announcement on the Korean affair contained many inaccuracies, but they said they prefer not to disclose them lest disclosure at the present moment should adversely influence Japan's negotiations with China. They are above acting so thoughtlessly as the Minseito did in exploiting the so-called grave Manchurian affair under the Tanaka regime.

The Seiyukai members described the position of the Japanese residents in Manchuria as very distressing. Their lives and property are in such jeopardy that the authorities who are responsible for their security are compelled to keep vigilance day and night with loaded revolvers. The common desire of the Japanese residents is that something should quickly be done by the Government to improve the situation. The sense of superiority or the attitude of domineering over Chinese, which they possessed in abundance, is now entirely gone. They are earnestly and sincerely desirous of better protection.

The Seiyukai members further said that although Baron Shidzuru, the Foreign Minister, announced some time ago that complete tranquility had been restored and all menace to Japanese or Korean life had been removed in Chientao, this was not a true representation of the actual situation. Their inspection tour has convinced them more strongly than ever of the necessity of the whole nation manifesting a real interest in the study of the Manchurian and Mongolian problem.

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## 一九三一年八月十三日附ジャパン、クロニクル紙ノ一節（第五頁）

朝鮮人の 殺政友會調査員は秘密に

附することを希望す露見せられざる發見

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朝鮮及蘆寶山事件調査の使命を帶びて朝鮮及滿洲出張中の政友會代議士森、山崎及東條三氏は昨朝（本月十二日）下關に上陸、直に東上の途に就いた。

朝日新聞記者との會見談に於て三氏はその調査の目的か一般世人が想像する様な政府攻撃の資料を蒐集するのではなくて黨の滿洲及蒙古政策を決定する資料を得る爲であつたと語つた。一行の個人的觀察に依ると朝鮮事件に関する政府の聲命には多くの不正確な點があつたことが判つた然し今之を發表することは日本の對支交渉に悪影響を及ぼす惧があるから之を發表せざることを希望すると述べた。之等三氏は田中内閣當時の所謂重大滿洲事件なるものを擇發する上に於て民政黨が爲した様な無分

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別な態度を探らなかつた。

是等三政友會代議士は在滿日本人の情態が極めて悪いと語つた。

日本人の生命及財産が極めて不安危険であつて其の保安の責任ある者達は日夜警墻せる拳銃を以て監視するを必要とする位である。日本人居留民の共通せる希望は此の状態を改善する爲政府が急速に何等かの手段を講ずる事である。在留同胞が過去に於て豈かに有して居た人種的優越觀乃至は支那人に對する支配者的態度は既に今日では全然なくなつて居る彼等は只だ熱心に且眞面目により善き保護を求めて居る。

尙右三氏は述べて曰く外務大臣幣原男は過日完全な平靜が回復日本人又は朝鮮人の生命に對する總ての脅威は間島では一掃せられたと稱したが之は現實情勢の眞の描寫ではなかつた。三氏の此度の視察旅行は全國民が滿蒙問題の研究に關心を持つ必要性を今迄より一層強く痛感せしめた